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**From:** Bahrman, Sarah  
**Sent:** Wed 9/23/2015 8:26:51 PM  
**Subject:** RE: GKM - Utility notification process

I talked to CDPHE staff the day of the spill (within a few hours of the spill), and Region 6 and UT staff on Friday morning of that same week.

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**From:** Copeland, Michael  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 2:16 PM  
**To:** Chavez, Luke; Kahn, Lisa; Bahrman, Sarah; Wall, Dan; Way, Steven  
**Subject:** RE: GKM - Utility notification process

Luke and Sarah: As far as time-line, could you give me a general idea to pass on of when these notifications were given?

**From:** Chavez, Luke  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 12:14 PM  
**To:** Copeland, Michael; Kahn, Lisa; Bahrman, Sarah; Wall, Dan; Way, Steven  
**Subject:** RE: GKM - Utility notification process

Hey Michael,

The notification for Gold King Mine spill followed our SOP's in notifying the National Response Center (NRC). The NRC has an established call down list and they in turn notified other pertinent federal and state agencies including CDPHE who, according to the procedures, then notified the local utilities. I understand that Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (DRMS) also notified CDPHE as well.

I believe Steve Way is back at the mine so he might not be able to respond. You can check with the phone duty officer on how that specifically works if you need it. I believe Martin McComb is on phones this week.

There is a procedure that has been established for notification and was used for this release as well as any other. HQ OEM (Eugene Lee – 202.564.7988) also is familiar with the notification protocols through the NRC.

Hope that helps.

Luke

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**From:** Copeland, Michael

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 11:38 AM  
**To:** Kahn, Lisa; Chavez, Luke; Bahrman, Sarah; Wall, Dan; Way, Steven  
**Subject:** FW: GKM - Utility notification process  
**Importance:** High

Hello:

I just got the below email from Kevin Tingley requesting our method of notifying the utilities and users downstream of GKM after the release. I let him know that we worked with the counties, cities and tribes to create a call-down list/emergency notification list after the fact, but I'm not sure how the original notification was made.

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He needs to get this info to David Travers by this Friday. Thanks for your help!

-Michael

**From:** Tingley, Kevin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 7:19 AM  
**To:** Copeland, Michael  
**Subject:** GKM - Utility notification process

Hi Michael,

Thanks for joining the WSD Regional call last week to talk about the Gold King Mine response.

My Division Director David Travers is meeting with OMB next week, and they've asked him for some info on the process by which downstream utilities were notified following

the GKM release.

Can you help me out? Do you know how the utilities were identified, who made the notifications, and what was the timeline for notifications?

I tried to find the info in the SitReps, but it is pretty general.

Anything you can provide by this Friday 9/25 would be very helpful.

Thanks!

-Kevin Tingley

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